



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Comann
Eachdraidh Lios Mòr held in the Library at Ionad Naomh Mòluag
11 January 2018

Present

Directors: Jennifer Baker (JB); Arthur Cross (AC); Clare Howarth (CH); Noelle Odling (NO); Mike Robertson (MJR)

Taic Directors: Anne Livingstone (AL)

Committee Member: Bob Hay (BH, Minute Secretary)

Apologies

Douglas Breingan (DB); Helen Crossan; Lesley Hamilton; Memory McDonald (MM)

1. Minutes of the Meeting 2 November 2017.

The minutes were checked and found to be a correct account of the meeting.
Proposed MJR, Seconded JB

2. Matters Arising and not on the Agenda.

Taproot Report (JB,NO) The Festival had been a resounding success, not least in the development of relationships with creative artists. Several lessons had been learned about the organisation of a complex set of events, and it is unlikely that a festival of this scale could be undertaken before 2019. The Festival was also a financial success: Ticket income £2,604; Meals income £640; Expenditure £2,047

Curator Storage (BH) An application for funding had been made to the Gordon Fraser Trust. Applications would be made to MGS and AIM in time for their March deadlines.

Oban & Lorn Tourist Association. NO and JB were investigating what we have received for our payments in earlier years.

Advertising (JB) It was agreed that CELM should cease to pay for advertising in the Oban Times as this appeared not to be cost effective. JB was actively investigating the mainland leafleting system. JB was asked to investigate available online advertising (e.g. Information Oban). JB would draw up a job description for a volunteer Publicity Officer.

Visitor Requests. JB agreed to “pin” the necessary note about providing notice of visits on the CELM Website

3. Treasurer's Report

NO reported on finances at the end of 2017. The current balance stood at £17,535 (£2969 restricted).

She reported that the Centre as a whole (CELM and Taic) was close to breaking even owing to generous donations and improved café income.

There was a need to encourage membership, and MM was asked to remind members of the need to support the Centre, when sending out the 2017 Newsletter.

4. Taic Report

AL reported that there was a long list of tasks to be completed during the closed period:

- improvements to the entrance and signage (following advice from Visit Scotland). AL would consult a local graphic artist for advice.
- Painting the café and toilets
- Improving Library security
- Removal of rubbish from the rear of the building (members agreed to take individual items over to Oban)

New thermostats had been ordered for the Library and Archive Room

Taic directors would shortly be advertising for assistants in the café

5. OSCR

The amended Minute of Lease between CELM and Taic was tabled, examined and appropriately signed off.

MJR explained the final arrangements for the personal alcohol licence to be held by Dan Steele. At least one more licence holder would be required.

MJR was thanked for all the detailed legal work he had undertaken over recent months.

6. Gaelic Access Officer

JB reported that, with the very active help of HISEZ Consultants, CELM had been awarded £10,000 by the Highlands and Islands Board and £6,400 from Bord na Gaidhlig for a Gaelic Access Officer for the Centre.

The details of the proposed post were discussed and, on the basis of these, JB would produce a draft job description. It was proposed that the post, 15 hours per week, should start on 1 April, and be based on the Centre. Fluency in the language would be essential.

JB would keep directors posted as the project developed, and take advice on the interview panel.

7. Centre Organisation

JB would meet with Explore Lismore to discuss the organization of future study visits.

8. Archaeology

Funding had been secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a third year of community archaeology.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting at the Lismore Hall on 10 March at 2.30pm, led by Dr Clare Ellis of Argyll Archaeology, to brief islanders on the results of the 2016 and 2017 excavations of the cathedral nave and to discuss the plans for 2018.

9. Open Meeting Recommendations

All recommendations were being addressed as follows:

1. *Gaelic development.* In progress with the planned appointment of a Gaelic Access Officer
2. *The Next Generation.* JB was in contact with the School about involvement in the work of the Access Officer. BH would raise the possibility of project work on the Celtic Church in connection with the 2018 archaeological dig.
3. *Volunteer Support.* JB and AL would discuss the arrangements for desk volunteers with Laura Gloag. Job descriptions for other volunteers would be drawn up by BH (Curator), JB (Publicity Officer) and NO (Taic Treasurer). JB would discuss Membership and 100 Club work with MM.
4. *Natural Environment.* NO and Liz Buckle to advise, including the possibility of talks at the Centre.
5. *Library.* Directors would consult with Barbara McDougall in the first instance.
6. *Increased Use of the Centre.* Initiatives for 2018 were being considered by the Taic Board.

10. Accreditation

BH reported that the documentation for accreditation, including the 5-year Plan for the Museum, Archive and Cottage, was due for renewal. He would revise these over the coming months and table them at Board meetings for approval.

11. 2018 Museum Display

The Board approved the expenditure of up to £1000 for the 2018 Family History display. Proposed by JB, seconded by NO, unanimously agreed. Action DB and Laura Gloag.

12. Bridle Art Project

The proposal for 2020 was agreed in principle.

13. Timing of Board Meetings

The Board approved the change in timing of meeting to 3.30pm for the foreseeable future. Proposed by JB, Seconded by MJR, unanimously agreed.

14. Argyll Pilgrim Routes Steering Group

BH reported that, following the recent pilgrimage from Kintyre to Lismore, he had been asked to take part in this group, which is a sub-group of the Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum. This would ensure that the importance of Moluag was emphasized in future pilgrimage plans.

15. AOCB. Volunteer Time Sheets (JB)

It was agreed that the use of time sheets to record working hours of volunteers should be reinstated, in support of applications for funding, where match funding is requested. MJR would advise the Board about rates per hour used at Dunollie.

Date of the Next Meeting Wednesday 21 February at 3.30 at INM